



## **Take Pride in Idaho Awards Presented at Idaho Conference on Recreation and Tourism in Sun Valley**

*Winners recognized for outstanding tourism programs*

**Boise, Idaho (May 8, 2009)**—The annual Take Pride in Idaho awards were presented yesterday at the Idaho Conference on Recreation and Tourism in Sun Valley. Take Pride in Idaho awards are given annually to organizations and individuals for their outstanding efforts to promote and preserve Idaho's tourism and recreation resources. Winners are listed below:

**Outstanding Individual Achievement Award:** Reid Rogers and Tawnie Sleep. [Rogers was nominated for his work in Teton Valley](#) and Sleep was nominated for her efforts to bring back the [Sandpoint 2009 Winter Carnival](#).

**Outstanding Group Achievement Award:** [Idaho Children & Nature Network for the "Be Outside" Program](#).

**Outstanding Tourism Community Award:** The Coeur d'Alene Convention & Visitors Bureau was honored for their project "[Stand Up for Coeur d'Alene](#)", while the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Foundation and Chamber of Commerce were honored for the "[Mudgy and Millie](#)" program.

**Outstanding Tourism Event :** USA Wrestling in Pocatello

**Outstanding Historic Preservation Award:** History Preservation Group and the Potlatch Historical Society for [WI&M Depot Restoration Project](#).

**Outstanding Cultural Tourism Award:** Valley Pride in Pocatello for their "[Bring the Chief Home](#)" Project as well as the [Warhawk Air Museum](#) in Nampa for their "Veteran's History" project.

**Outstanding Visitor Center Award:** [Desert Mountain Visitor Center](#) in Mountain Home.

**Media Award:** Twin Falls times News for their "[River of Stone](#)" project coverage.

Winners were selected by a panel of judges from the Governor's office, National Arts Commission, Idaho Historical Society and Preservation Idaho.

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